

# HAPPY Fourth of July The Elba Clipper

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## Southern Tractor Company bringing new economic development to Elba

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Elba Water and Electric Board paved the way Tuesday night, June 23, during its regular monthly meeting for new economic development in Elba.

Following a 30-40 minute executive session, the board returned to open meeting, and board member Barry Giles made a motion with a second from board member Tom Maddox that effectively would allow board chairman Tim Johnson to enter into an agreement to transfer the brownfield land on Hwy. 84 in Elba [located between Coleman Funeral

Home and Pope Tent] to Southern Tractor LLC, contingent upon some paperwork being completed with ADEM regarding the land.

Brownfield land is a former industrial or commercial site where future use is affected by real or perceived environmental contamination. Upon completion of the paperwork with ADEM, the proposed construction by Southern Tractor LLC would be allowable on this site.

The motion to transfer the land to Southern Tractor LLC [owner Blake Streetman] passed by a unanimous vote of the Elba Water

and Electric Board.

"I'm very excited," Streetman said following this approval by the board. "I've been talking with Tim Johnson [regarding this potential project] for probably eight months now. He has been very influential in helping me, and I truly believe he wants what is best for Elba."

Currently Southern Tractor is located on the same site as Gene's Auto Sales in Elba, but once the new construction is completed down the road on Highway 84, it will be much more than a tractor sales business.

Andy Pugh, store manager for Southern Tractor in Elba, said the new Southern Tractor Company [STC] is going to be a lot like Tractor Supply meets Ace Hardware.

"People are dying to do business with people in Elba," Pugh said. "With this new store, it will be nice for our citizens to be able to not have to travel 30-minutes to buy weed killer and other essential home items."

According to Streetman, the new Southern Tractor Company will include a 10,000-sq. ft. retail store along with a 30,000 sq. ft. tractor dealership. Also, he said he is leaving room on the property for other announcements in the future.

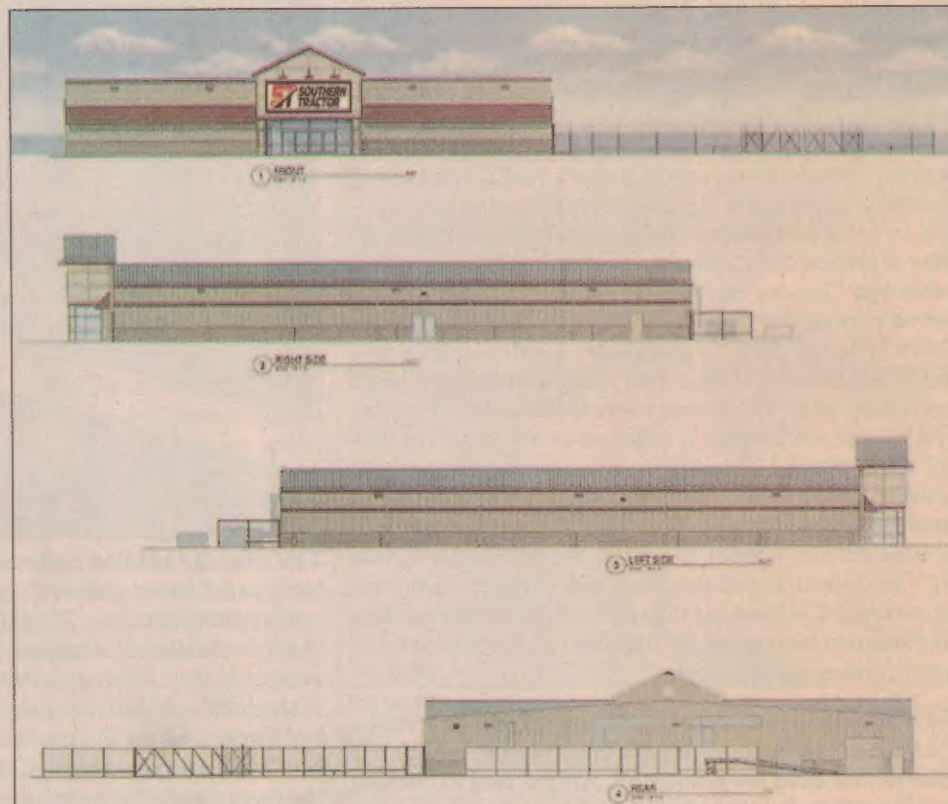
"Where do you go in Elba to buy anything after 5 p.m.?" Streetman asked.

He said STC would offer a little bit of everything for the home, except cold groceries. He said his plans are for the store to be open well after 5 p.m. to allow Elba citizens plenty of time to shop for their household needs without having to travel outside of the city.

"It's going to be a lot like a Rural King home and farm store," Streetman said. "I'm just excited to bring this to Elba."

Bringing the new expanded STC to Elba did not come without some competition, according to Street-

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This rendering shows the store design for the new Southern Tractor Company facility that owner Blake Streetman has planned to be constructed on the land he is acquiring along U S Hwy 84 between the Coleman Funeral Home and Pope Tent sites in Elba. This new facility will house a 10,000 sq ft retail store [home, garden and more] and a 30,000 sq ft tractor dealership. Streetman said he is very excited about this project.

## After state super releases "Roadmap to Reopening Schools" Elba City Schools superintendent discusses plans now in motion for reopening in August

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Last Friday, June 26, state board of education superintendent Dr. Eric Mackey presented his "Roadmap to Reopening Schools," and the 46-page document revealed the plan the state has designed for allowing Alabama public schools to reopen in August.

The plan basically developed three methods of learning for students - Traditional [student attend classes on campus], Remote [students attend classes remotely using a variety of virtual and paper resources] learning, and Blended [students transition between traditional and remote and back again based on need and preference] learning. The document also identified various essential, guidance, and consideration focus areas as schools prepare to reopen.

Mostly, though, the Dr. Mackey let it be known that local school boards and superintendents would be charged with ultimately deciding the best plans that best benefit their individual schools as the new year nears.

"Looking forward to the 2020-2021 school year, we know that many challenges lie ahead. Some of them we can anticipate but new ones are bound to arise along the way," Dr. Mackey said.

"This [Roadmap to Reopening Schools] planning document is not intended to answer all questions, nor can it even anticipate all questions that will arise. This document will, however, assist educators, school leaders, support staff, and health professionals in planning for the upcoming school year. It is the culmination of the ideas, research, experience, and expertise of dozens of educators, healthcare professionals, and logistics specialists. While we have done all that we can to pull together these pieces into a consolidated Roadmap to Reopening Schools, it is still a living document that will require updates and revisions throughout the school year."

"I am excited to be able to open up to our teachers and students this fall," Elba City Schools superintendent Chris Moseley said. "I know there are still concerns, and I assure all that we are working daily to try and make our schools as safe as possible for all who choose to return."

tendent Chris Moseley discussed the recent announcements made by Dr. Mackey and how he sees the plan working for Elba Schools.

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Moseley said Dr. Mackey spoke daily at the state superintendent's conference early last week and prior to making his roadmap announcement on Friday. He said Mackey also noted he would most likely have several more webinars, etc. for superintendent's throughout the month of July as schools

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## Coffee County BOE amends 2020-2021 school calendar with with students returning to school Monday, Aug. 10th

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Board of Education met Thursday, June 25, at noon for a called meeting, and several personnel matters were approved, including the acceptance of four teacher resignations.

The personnel recommendations came from Superintendent Kevin Killingsworth to board members, and the resignations included:

- Brenna Kokoszka - teacher at New Brockton Elementary School
- Whitney Yarbrough - teacher at New Brockton Elementary School
- Stephen Van Winkle - band director at Kinston School
- Daniel Hart - teacher at Kinston School [he also was the baseball coach for the school].

The board also approved two new hires, including:

- Kayla Fitzpatrick - teacher at New Brockton Elementary School
- Stephanie Sidanyez - teacher at New Brockton

Elementary School.

Taking into account starting the 2020-2021 school year under special guidelines dealing with COVID-19, the superintendent recommended amending the 2020-2021 school year. This was approved by the board.

Killingsworth said he felt it would be a good idea to implement additional professional development and sanitation training for teachers prior to the students returning to school. Therefore, he recommended moving the start date for students back to Monday, Aug. 10, for the new school year. Teachers will report to school for professional development and other training on Monday, Aug. 3rd.

"We are doing this to get our teachers prepared for the various sanitation procedures that will be in place this school year," Killingsworth said.

The amended calendar has the last day for students for the 2020-2021 school year being May 27, 2021.

Killingsworth said with the changes, the calendar

still allows the schools to get the state required 1,080 educational hours in for student throughout the school year.

The superintendent said he had been at the state superintendent's conference earlier last week, and he said there probably were

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## City of Elba offices can assist citizens in filling out 2020 Census

City of Elba officials have announced that several city offices would be open throughout the month of July to assist citizens with filling out their 2020 Census information.

Anyone needing assistance in filling out the Census information, can make an appointment with Elba City Hall each Monday - Friday from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m.; the Elba Chamber of Commerce office on Mondays and Wednesdays from 2 - 5 p.m.; and at the Elba Public Library on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. There will be someone available to assist with this information based on appointments.

To make an appointment at Elba City Hall call 897-2333; Elba Chamber call 897-3125; or the Elba Public Library call 897-6921.

City officials said it is very important that all citizens complete the 2020 Census form. Currently, the Elba area is only showing about a 50 percent response.

### NOTICE:

The Elba Clipper office will be closed Friday, July 3, in observance of the Independence Day holiday.



## EDITORIAL

### BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

"Be the person your dog thinks you are." — J.W. Steph

This idea of being politically correct in everything has no end. On Saturday we received an e-mail announcing that real estate agents in Texas would no longer describe the biggest, best equipped bedroom as the 'master' bedroom. It will be forever more be the 'primary' bedroom. Well that is until it becomes unfashionable to designate one bedroom as better, or more important, than the others. The younger generations in our society can handle these 'political correct' changes in our everyday language, but many of us senior citizens will still think in terms like, 'master bedroom' and 'Aunt Jemima' syrup without realizing it is not politically correct and/or may be offensive to many of our personal friends.

In spite of what our friends and each of us 'wish' were happening, the COVID-19 virus is spreading all across America like wildfire. New cases are being reported in record numbers. Hospitals are reporting a surge in ICU beds being filled with the coronavirus patients, government leaders — well in cities and states — are reassessing their recent actions to reopen the economy and relaxing rules on public gatherings. Tuesday morning Dr. Anthony S. Fauci, the nation's top infectious disease expert, warned that the number of new infections in the United States could more than double to 100,000 a day if the country fails to contain the surge that is now underway in many states. We wonder if by the time you are reading this if Alabama's Governor Kay Ivey will have reissued her rules on close interaction between members of the public. We joked about her reopening the beauty salons within a week or so of closing them, simply because she is a woman and is accustomed to her regular 'fix'. Well she did open those and lots of other businesses, but we suggest women get their new hairdo or men get their much-needed haircut ASAP because another shutdown is surely coming sooner or later.

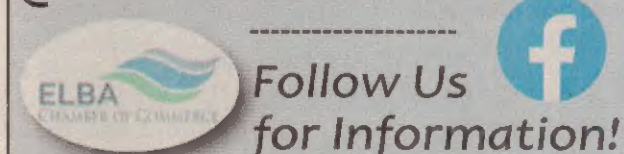
Blake Streetman is an inspiring person to listen to when he is talking about the potential for business and industry in Elba. He has done his homework, has the data to back up his optimistic talk — and his actions. Right now he is moving forward with building a modern building for his exploding tractor business. Blake plans to sell you the tractor, repair it when you warp an axle, etc., and sell you other needed supplies while you are waiting on your repaired tractor. He is also pumping up other business prospects to establish a business in Elba. Now that is a great cheerleader in action simply because... he believes in and loves Elba.

Alabama has a Primary run-off election coming up on July 14th. If any of our readers plan to vote an absentee ballot, they have until July 9th to get their application for such a ballot filed. That is next week! There are only a few races on the ballot and we predict a very low turnout of voters. That will give those of us who do make the trip to the polls even more influence in the country's future. Ouch, that can be scary!!

July 4th, Independence Day, is upon us this week. Along with all the unrest in America, we need to take time and give thanks that we can express our opinions on politics, the price of eggs, the weather, etc., and be reasonably sure that we will not be jailed or face a firing squad for our opinions. The government doesn't force families to have abortions after reaching a certain number of children, nor does the overlord assign young girls to loyal supporters as 14 and 15 year old brides.

Elba, Alabama Chamber...

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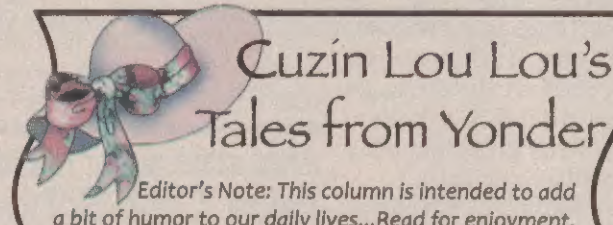
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6 months - \$13  
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The Elba Splash Pad reopened last weekend, much to the delight of a number of youngsters. In the above picture Colton Johns, age 19 months, had the entire pad to himself Saturday afternoon, June 27, and took full advantage of the various water sprays and the shallow puddles of water on the pad itself. He ran from one outlet to another with his mother, Kelley Johns, in constant pursuit.

A check back on Sunday afternoon revealed that a number of other children and/or parents had discovered the Splash Pad was now open for public use. Ms. Johns said she stumbled on the splash pad and knowing how her son loved the water, she immediately took advantage of the water features. She said they had just moved to the Kinston area from Little Rock, Ark. and were really enjoying their new surroundings.



Editor's Note: This column is intended to add a bit of humor to our daily lives...Read for enjoyment.

Cuzin Lou Lou is excited to be able to watch the local fireworks display Saturday, July 4, in her favorite place — Elba, Ala.

Lou Lou looks forward to this display each year in celebration of Independence Day for the United States. Elba native Mike Holderfield is the magician behind the beautiful display, and Lou Lou is convinced his show rivals any across the nation!

Cuzin Lou Lou just received word earlier this week that the location Holderfield will set up this year in the downtown area of Elba will be slightly different than the past years; therefore, she encourages everyone to plan accordingly, especially since it is being requested that all park and watch from their vehicles rather than gathering together in large groups.

Don't  
Forget to



So... enjoy the day with your family grilling hot dogs and hamburgers, go for a swim in the pool or visit the Splash Pad in Elba [it's open now for the summer!], and then Saturday evening head on downtown and kick back, relax and enjoy the show!

Happy Independence Day, America! Let's light up the sky Saturday night in Elba, Alabama in celebration!

Until next time...Have a safe and happy 4th of July — God Bless and Keep Smiling!

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### Holiday Closing

**THE CITY OF ELBA OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED** Friday, July 3, in observance of Independence Day. The garbage truck will run its regular schedule. There will be standby crews for any utility emergencies. To report a utility emergency, call the Elba Police Department at (334) 897-2555. As always, to report a life-threatening emergency, call 911.

### NOTICE:

The 46-page  
"Roadmap to  
Reopening Schools"  
released last Friday,  
June 26, by Alabama  
Superintendent of  
Education Dr. Eric  
Mackey can be viewed  
or downloaded from  
the state department  
of education website:  
[www.alsde.edu](http://www.alsde.edu)

### Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, between Tuesday, June 23, and Monday, June 29, 2020, conducted the following activity:

**TUESDAY, JUNE 23** — Criminal mischief reported at 431 Court Ave (1:20 p.m.); Domestic complaint at 122 Angie St in Kinston, Ala. (8:04 p.m.). There were three traffic stops reported on this date with two warnings and one no action taken.

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24** — Fire alarm reported at 669 Reynolds Ave (2:31 a.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 560 Adkinson Ave (12:04 p.m.); Fire service call reported on Lee St (12:05 p.m.); Theft of property reported at 1584 Caroline St (7:34 p.m.). There was one traffic stop reported on this date with a citation issued.

**THURSDAY, JUNE 25** — Breaking and entering of a motor vehicle reported (3:13 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 839 Troy Hwy (3:17 p.m.); Shots fired reported at 878 Claxton Ave N (4:06 p.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 2332 Dr. Roberts Dr (5:47 p.m.). There were two traffic stops reported on this date with each receiving a warning.

**FRIDAY, JUNE 26** — Theft of property reported at 342 Court Ave N (8:08 a.m.); Reckless driver reported on Taylor Mill Rd (1:47 p.m.). There were seven traffic stops reported on this date with four warnings, one citation, and two no action taken.

**SATURDAY, JUNE 27** — Suspicious circumstances

reported on Putnam St (12:33 a.m.); Harassment reported at 315 Sawyer St (8:37 a.m.); Theft of property reported at 1567 Gibson St (11:31 a.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 1950 Reese Ave (4:56 p.m.); Disturbance reported at 442 County Rd 263 (5:08 p.m.); Fight reported at the Elba Laundromat on Davis St (6:01 p.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 4035 Hwy 125 — resulted in an arrest (7:25 p.m.); Assault reported at the Elba Shell store on Claxton Ave N (8:54 p.m.). There was one traffic stop reported on this date resulting in advice given.

**SUNDAY, JUNE 28** — Fraudulent use of a credit/debit card reported at the Elba Food Giant on Claxton Ave (7:19 a.m.); Vehicle fire reported at Davis St E and Rainbow Dr (12:22 p.m.); Traffic accident reported at the intersection of Hwy 84 and Hwy 141 (12:56 p.m.). There were two traffic stops reported on this date and both resulted in warnings.

**MONDAY, JUNE 29** — Prowler reported on Taylor Ave (3:58 a.m.); Unruly juvenile reported at 213 Davis St E (9:12 a.m.); Harassment reported at 839 Troy Hwy (2:42 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at 1043 Elm Ave (5:54 p.m.); Prowler reported on County Rd 263 (8:52 p.m.); Fight reported at 1026 Caroline St (10:20 p.m.); Criminal mischief reported on Reynolds Ave (10:38 p.m.). There were two traffic stops reported on this date with warnings issued.

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man and Pugh. They each said there was a strong push from nearby Enterprise for Streetman to develop in that city.

"Honestly, it would have been more beneficial to go to Enterprise considering the amount of walk-in traffic [the larger city] would have brought," Streetman said, "But, I wasn't helping my hometown out by going to Enterprise, and I didn't want to leave Elba."

Pugh agreed saying it is a bigger gamble to develop in Elba, but he said they really wanted the business to stay in Elba if at all possible.

"Enterprise was the safer choice [for business]," Pugh said. "We chose Elba because we love Elba, and the city officials were all so helpful."

Pugh, a native of Geneva, said he had lived in Elba for about 10 years now, and he said he and his family love being in Elba.

"My kids are going to go to school in Elba. Blake's kids go to school in Elba," he said. "We hope this sparks interest for others to build here too."

Pugh said places like Andalusia, Alabama had grown by leaps and bounds over the past several years because the city figured out a way to help business develop and grow. He said the same could happen in Elba, and he hopes the new STC development will be the beginning of a new trend for the city.

"We feel like this could be a contagious thing," Pugh said. "The city has been super helpful and wonderful to work with on this project. They see the potential."

Streetman said he is hoping his investment in Elba will lead to others doing the same. He said he loves his hometown and wants to see it grow.

"Nothing I've done over the last five years came to me," he said. "I went out and sought it. Business is

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not going to come to a small town like Elba... Elba has to go out and get it."

Streetman said this plan was not an overnight idea. He said he has put numerous hours and lots of money into research to help him realize what will and will not work. He said he knows he can make this work, and he said having the full support of the city is a big deal.

Southern Tractor Company will be the retail name of the new store with Southern Tractor LLC remaining the tractor dealership. Streetman said this new venture will bring a minimum of 20 new jobs to Elba once the new store opens, but when everything is up and running that number could increase to 30-35 new jobs or more.

"I am really looking forward to it," Streetman said. "I know it will work. I have studied and studied. I do not want to fail."

Another thing both Streetman and Pugh agree is working in their favor is their recent acceptance of Jesus Christ into their lives.

"The best thing that has ever happened to me was hiring Ralph Bradley," Streetman said. "He has changed my life."

Pugh said Bradley had

been a spiritual inspiration to both he and Streetman. He said they both recently joined the church, and they now truly see that great things are happening in their lives because of God...not because of what they do.

Bradley said over the recent quarantine time, both Streetman and Pugh accepted Christ. He said they would be baptized as soon as Ino Baptist Church returns to being able to perform those services.

Bradley said his family had church by the pond on his family's property during the time the church was closed for the safe-at-home quarantine, and he said both Streetman and Pugh were there every Sunday with them. During that time, they each accepted Christ.

"I've never been afraid of work," Streetman said. "It's unbelievable now what has happened in my life since accepting Jesus. I am just more at peace with everything and things just work."

Southern Tractor recently expanded to Troy, Alabama as well. Streetman acquired Sansom Tractor in Troy about a year ago and has now opened it as a Southern Tractor location.

He retained the same employees from Sansom Tractor, and recently hired Elba resident Khrist Smith to manage that location.

Pugh said they would eventually like to do in Troy what is now happening in Elba, as well.

Looking ahead, Pugh and Streetman said it would probably take 12-16 months for the construction of the new facility in Elba. Until opening day, however, they said they remain excited and optimistic about the future.

Streetman said he hopes this is just a starting point for Elba's economic growth.

Southern Tractor currently sells tractors, lawn mowers, side by side atvs, and a full line of lawn care implements.

cess, but as we've said from the beginning, the customer-first approaches of both TB&T and FNBB have made this a natural fit. From the opening of our doors in 1906, to this strategic acquisition of First National Bank of Brundidge, we create opportunity and growth, allowing Troy Bank & Trust to better serve our community with increased lending limits, access to a broader range of products and services, and a more expansive geographic footprint," said Crowe. "We look forward to working with the officers, employees, and customers of First National Bank of Brundidge to make this endeavor successful."

**ALBIRTHA PERSON WISLETT**

Mrs. Albirtha Person Wislett, age 89, died June 17, 2020, surrounded by her family.

Graveside services were held June 27, at Marianna AME Cemetery, Midway, Ala., with Coleman Funeral Home & Crematory of Enterprise directing.

Albirtha Winslett was born to the late Elijah and Minnie Person on October 29, 1930 in Clayton, Ala. She was joined in Holy Matrimony to the late Walter Lee Winslett on January 18, 1952 in Union Springs, Ala.

She attended Marianna AME School and later attended The Barbour County School System.

She is preceded in death by her loving parents - Elijah and Minnie Person, and three sisters - Evelyn

**ALEA resumes normal driver license operations**

Despite the challenges of COVID-19, the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency's Driver License Division has continued to serve the citizens of the state of Alabama while resuming face-to-face operations and making safety a top priority.

The division closed its offices to the public on Friday, March 27; however, employees continued to provide services to the public via phone, email and online. ALEA was able to ensure it did not compromise the health and safety of both its customers and employees during the pandemic.

After Governor Kay Ivey issued a Safer at Home Order, ALEA's Driver License Division began a "soft opening" at 13 locations across the state on Monday, May 4. In the following weeks, the agency gradually reopened other offices. By Monday, June 29, 95% (69 of its 73 locations) were open to the public. ALEA will ensure the public's safety by implementing safety procedures and adhering to all COVID-19 guidelines during each transaction.

ALEA's Secretary Hal Taylor said, "We meticulously and strategically developed a plan to reopen our Driver License offices to avoid putting anyone at risk during this precarious time. The absolute last thing we wanted was to contribute to the spread of the coronavirus. In addition, ALEA's Driver License Division is striving to alleviate the accumulation of a COVID-19-related backlog, and it will continue to utilize new and innovative procedures to reduce the congestion at Driver License offices throughout the state."

Since the soft opening in

Crosby, Arilla McCall and Minnie Herron.

Survivors include her daughter: Sharon W. Rogers, Ozark, Ala.; three grandchildren: Captain Antionne D. Winston, San Diego, Calif., Jessica (Anthony) Malone, Daleville, Ala., and Alexis Rogers, Atlanta, Ga.; two great-grandchildren: Montez and Layla; five sisters: Maureen Salter, Emma Jean Person, Mary B. Guilford, Dorothy Jackson, Columbus, Ohio and Marie Streeter, Clayton; and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

**CHARLES COON**

Mr. Charles Coon, age 66, died June 23, 2020.

He was born on Feb. 1, 1954. Charles taught drafting at MacArthur/LBW for many years and was welcomed into retirement by

early May, 66,244 customers have received face-to-face service in Driver License offices, and 98,167 online customers were served between March 16 and June 19. ALEA saw a significant increase in online transactions, whereas in 2019, only 33,337 were served.

On Monday, June 2, the agency resumed Class D Road/Skills tests on a limited basis. Between June 2 and June 19, 5,544 road tests were completed, which is an increase of 115% as compared to the same period in 2019. Currently, Driver License personnel have administered 6,922 Class D Road/Skills tests for regular driver licenses and 706 Commercial Driver License Skills tests. Another 8,000 customers have been served through ALEA's partnership with the Alabama State Department of Education to streamline the Yellow Card/Vessel License process for 16-year-old students who passed the required road test with an instructor.

For daily updates on Driver License offices around the state, visit: <https://www.alea.gov/dps/driver-license>.

his former colleagues.

Graveside services were held Saturday, June 27, 2020, at Piney Grove Cemetery, Opp, Ala., with Coleman Funeral Home & Crematory of Elba directing.

He was preceded in death by his father and mother - Garfield and Gladys Coon; and brothers - Clenon Coon and Willie Coon.

Survivors include his children: Amy D Coon, Sarah Bowman (Brad), Richard Coon and Brandy Brannon; a host of grandchildren and great-grandchildren; sister: Dorothy 'Penny' Daniels (Dan); brother: John A Coon (Ann); his special friend: Mame Conyers; along with several nieces and nephews.

**DALLAS O. TERRY**

Mr. Dallas O. Terry, age 60, died June 20, 2020.

Born on December 10, 1959 to Lousie Terry and Tommy 'ToTo' Evans Jr., Dallas worked for Bonnie Plant Farm for almost 24 years.

Graveside services were held Thursday, June 26, at Mt. Olive Cemetery, Ariton, Ala., with Coleman Funeral Home & Crematory of Enterprise directing.

He was preceded in death by his mother - Louise Terry.

Survivors include his daughter: Daliasia Terry and step-daughter: Kali Terry of Ozark, Ala.; seven sisters: Teresa Brantley, Ariton, Mable Green and Pamela Evans, both of Ozark, Patricia Williams, Rome, Ga., JoAnn Thomas, Brundidge, Ala., Angela Williams, Augusta, Ga., and Tommie Mae Dorn-Saluda, SC; six brothers: Bobby Terry, Ariton, Roy Terry, Dennis Evans, and Kenneth Evans, all of Brundidge, Alphonza Evans, Arcadia, Fla., and Douglas Evans, Troy, Ala.; two loving friends: Nelson Senn and Michelle Lee; a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Obituaries

Death notices updated regularly on our website at <www.elba-clipper.com>

**Two local banks announce completion of merger**

Sherrill Crowe, chairman of the Henderson Bancshares Inc. Board of Directors, and James T. Ramage III, chairman of the First Brundidge Bancshares Inc. Board of Directors, announce the completion of the merger between Henderson Bancshares Inc., the holding company of Troy Bank and Trust Company (TB&T), with First Brundidge Bancshares Inc., the holding company of The First National Bank of Brundidge (FNBB).

In connection with the merger, Troy Bank & Trust has acquired First National Bank of Brundidge.

"These two banks have been serving the financial needs of Pike County for a combined 230 years," said Crowe. "We both take great pride in serving our customers and that will never change."

First National Bank of Brundidge was founded in 1904, and prior to the merger, operated offices in Brundidge and in Troy, with assets of approximately \$91 million. As a result of the merger, Troy Bank & Trust now operates 13 banking offices in Pike, Dale, Coffee, Houston and Lee counties, including its main office in Troy.

As of June 15, 2020, Troy

Bank & Trust had total assets of approximately \$990 million. The combined post-transaction size of Troy Bank & Trust is approximately \$1.08 billion in total assets. It is expected that all current locations will remain open after the merger until further notice.

"I am as excited about this merger as I was when we announced it in October 2017. From our loyal customers, to the officers and staff, to our shareholders and the communities we serve, this merger presents a tremendous opportunity for all" said John R. Ramage, President & CEO of First National Bank of Brundidge. "Given that my great-great grandfather founded FNBB and my father led the Bank for over 50 years, the decision to merge with TB&T was made with a great deal of thought, discussion and prayer. TB&T shares a culture with FNBB of strong, independent banking, focusing on the communities we serve. This merger will make us one of the strongest community banks in the Southeast. I, along with First National Bank of Brundidge's staff, look forward to working with Troy Bank & Trust's team."

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Choosing an arrangement for a man  
When you are trying to select a floral arrangement to honor the life of a man who has passed away, you have options that contain a more masculine motif in both the type and color of flowers that are featured in the display. A viable option for a funeral flower arrangement for a male features a simple standing spray with just a few color variations, including red or white. A simple yet elegant display is the perfect choice to honor the life of the man. Common types of flowers that are used in an arrangement for a male's funeral include red, orange, white, blue, or yellow roses. Some people also choose to incorporate chrysanthemums, as they typically symbolize grief and come in masculine colors.  
Choosing an arrangement for a woman  
In order to express your sympathies over the death of someone's mother, wife, or daughter, consider selecting a floral arrangement that comes in pastel or more feminine shades. An arrangement for a woman who has passed tends to be more stylized in design, and may use flowers like roses, chrysanthemums, and carnations. Shades that work well for a female arrangement include pink, lavender, and yellow.  
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## Pastor's Corner

by Dr. John Granger, Director of Missions  
COFFEE COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

### Protecting religious freedoms

As we celebrate July Fourth this year, we will probably honor the heroes who have fought, and those who fight now, to secure and protect our country and our freedoms. This is good, because freedom is one of those qualities that must be forever guarded.

I would like to dedicate this week's article to the struggle for religious freedom and people who put their lives on the line in order to provide freedom of conscience for themselves and for those who came after them.

Every liberty we have is precious. Religious liberty is one which we take too much for granted. Citizens of the American colonies could not assume so much.

Many immigrants to the colonies came because they expected less persecution in America than they received in their native lands. But for a long time, what they could expect was not religious liberty, but religious toleration, or perhaps, intolerance.

Roger Williams' booklet, "The Bloody Tenet of Persecution," and John Clarke's "Ill News from New England," alerted people of England that religious freedom was still a dream in colonial America.

What colonists could usually expect was a legal demand that they support a "state church" along with an option for worship according to conscience. Since those who opted for worship other than the accepted form were often in the minority, they frequently were mocked, blacklisted, and even persecuted for their dissent. The well-worn phrase about the separation between church and state reflects the early dissatisfaction of a particular church being favored and supported by the state.

Even in the notable year of 1776, the Virginia Assembly was presented a petition with about 10,000 signatures, requesting the elimination of a state supported church and the removal of religious oppression. Thomas Jefferson later remarked of that session: *After desperate contests almost daily from the 11th of October to the 5th of December, we prevailed so far only as to repeal the laws which rendered criminal the maintenance of any religious opinions, the forbearance of repairing to church or the exercise of any mode of worship; and further, to exempt dissenters from contributions to the support of the established church; and to suspend, only until the next session, levies on the members of that church for the salaries of their own incumbents. For although the majority of our citizens were dissenters, as has been observed, a majority of the legislature were churchmen. Among these, however, were some reasonable and liberal men, who enabled us, on some points, to obtain feeble majorities.*

This victory for religious liberty was still only a partial one. According to historian Robert Baker, the Anglican Church could continue to levy taxes for the relief of the poor and only Anglican ministers could perform marriage ceremonies in Virginia. Years passed before dissenting religious leaders had the legal status of their counterparts in the established church.

What American today can really sympathize with the religious people of the 17th and 18th centuries, who were taxed, beaten, harassed, fined, run off and possibly killed because they dared to worship according to their convictions and thereby "stepped to the tune of a different drummer?"

It was concern over this matter that prompted James Madison in 1773 to write to a friend:

There are, at this time in the adjacent country, not less than five or six well-meaning men in close jail for publishing their religious sentiments, which, in the main, are very orthodox.

I have neither the patience to hear, talk or think of anything relative to this matter; for I have squabbled and scolded, abused and ridiculed, so long about it, to little purpose, that I am without common patience. So I must beg you to pity me, and pray for liberty of conscience to all.

The freedom to worship according to conscience is a blessing beyond words. We must cherish it. We must honor those who have brought it about. We must ensure that this privilege be the possession of all people today and of our children in days to come.

## CHURCH NEWS

### Basin Baptist Church plans 10 a.m. Sunday worship beginning July 5th

Basin Baptist Church, located at 9757 Hwy. 189 S, Elba, plans to reopen its church sanctuary Sunday, July 5, for morning worship at 10 a.m.

Social distancing measures will be implemented for this worship service with deacons seating the congregation. Also, the fellowship hall will be used for spill-over if more attend than the sanctuary will hold due to the 6-ft. distancing in place [those in the fellowship hall will hear the service via radio transmission].

Anyone wanting to attend the service but is concerned about gathering inside the buildings can stay in their vehicle in the church parking lot and tune their radio in to 90.5 FM to also listen to the service.

The Sunday morning 10 a.m. worship service will be the only service at the church currently due to continued COVID-19 safety precautions. Wearing of face masks is encouraged for all who attend the service indoors.

"I hope you will make every effort to be at Basin Baptist Church at 10 this Sunday morning," said pastor Dr. Sam Self. "We are

tacking back from Satan what he has taken away from us over the past few months."

Self said while the church is planning to return to indoor services, the congregation would continue to practice social distancing and have other safety measures in place to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. Also, the church will continue to publish an online version of the service, which will be uploaded to the church Facebook page on Sunday afternoon.

### AA/NA meetings

Encourage anyone who needs the meetings to attend. These meetings are held on Tuesdays and Fridays at 7 p.m. at Elba Church of Christ, 715 Troy Road, Elba.

### Church News is Due on Mondays

### Round and About with Eria's Daughter

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Scripture: The Lord is Shepherd of His people. Psalm 23: 1-6

### Thinking of You! Praying for You.

Alice Musgrove, Rose Russell Coleman, Inez B. Long, Rev. Wendell Williams, Pastor Brian and Sister Tanisha Brunson, Betty Moore, Rell Kelley, Corene Daniels

### June Birthdays / Anniversaries

Ethel Horstead 6/25  
Lotofia Culver 6/25  
Carmella Rayborn Gregory 6/25  
Crystal Sowell Wright 6/26 (in memory)  
Malcolm A. Hutchinson 6/26  
Rashad Robinson 6/26  
Eloise Caldwell 6/27 (in memory)  
Claudine Hammonds Kelley 6/28  
Linda Tillis 6/29  
Willie and Jeanette Tillis 6/29 W.A.  
Jonas Rogers 6/29  
Robyn Patterson 6/29  
Jordan Bryant 6/29  
Margaret Williams 6/29

### \*\* A Paralyzed Man

I love this account of four men who brought their paralyzed friend to Jesus. The four men knew the help the paralyzed man needed could be found in Jesus. It seems they were determined. Nothing could discourage them from their mission.

They brought the man to the house but could not even get in the door because of the crowd. They climbed to the roof and somehow hoisted this paralyzed man up with them. Then they tore a hole in the roof of the house big enough that a man could be lowered through it. Next, by sheer strength they lowered the man into the house, into the presence of Christ. There the paralyzed man received the things he needed most — forgiveness for his sins and healing for his body.

What a great bunch of friends those four men must have been! They were willing to go to almost any length to see that their friend made it into the presence of Jesus. Folks, we have friends that need to experience the presence of Christ. It is just as important that they come in contact with Jesus as it was for this paralyzed man.

Are we the same type of friends as these four men were? Four friends carried a man to the place where Jesus was, hauled the man upon a roof, tore a hole in the roof and lowered that man to Jesus. They went through all that simply to ensure that their friend came in contact with Christ. May we be as loving toward our friends who need to meet Jesus.

### Question / Answer Section Q/A for the Week of 6/25/20

Q: A would-be disciple told Jesus that he first wanted to go and (comfort) (help) or (bury) is father?

A: The man wanted to go and bury his father. Luke 9: 59

Q: To what group did John say: "Exact no more than that which is appointed you?" (tax collector) (soldiers) or (scribes).

A: Tax collectors! Luke 3: 12 & 13

### Thought to Remember

Do no wrong to the powerless

### Questions for the Week of 7/2/2020

#### Use Your Concordance

Q: Name the three languages in which the title above Jesus' cross was written.

Q: What request did the thief on the cross ask of Jesus?

Today is a good day! Be grateful.  
Eria's Daughter, Sue

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## Church Directory

<b>IN HIM WAS LIFE AND THE LIFE WAS THE LIGHT OF MEN</b>  <b>ABOUNDING GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH</b> <b>Rockey Pearce, Pastor</b> Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service ... 5:00 p.m.  <b>ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH SAMSON, Ala.</b> <b>Richard Thorn Sr., Pastor</b> Morn. Worship ... 10:30 a.m. Wed. Night Service 7:00 p.m.  <b>ALBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship ... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.  <b>BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH</b> <b>Sam Self, Pastor</b> Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship ... 5:30 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.  <b>BETHEL A.M.E. CHURCH</b> <b>Rev. Deborah A. Butler, Pastor</b> Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Bible Study ... 6:00 p.m.  <b>BETHEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship ... 11:30 a.m. Wed. Bible Class ... 6:30 p.m.  <b>BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH</b> <b>Greg Cotter, Pastor</b> Sunday School ... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship ... 10:00 a.m. Disciple Train ... 5:30 p.m. Even. Worship ... 6:30 p.m.  <b>BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH</b> <b>Tom Senn, Pastor</b> Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship ... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.  <b>BROOKLYN BAPT CHURCH</b> <b>Robert Davis, Pastor</b> Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship ... 6:00 p.m.  <b>CHESTNUT GROVE METHODIST</b> <b>Rev. Remondia Smith</b> Church Service ... 9:00 a.m. 2nd & 4th Sundays Sunday School ... 9:00 a.m. 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m. 2nd & 4th Sundays  <b>CORNERSTONE BIBLE CHURCH</b> <b>Larry Mills, Pastor</b> Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship ... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Night ... 7:00 p.m.	
<b>COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH</b> <b>Diana White, Pastor</b> Bible Study ... 9:00 a.m. Fellowship ... 9:45 a.m. Worship ... 10:00 a.m. Wed. Night (Youth Real Deal and Children's Activities) ... 6:00 p.m.  <b>DAMASCUS BAPT CHURCH</b> <b>Steve Watson, Pastor</b> Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship ... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.  <b>DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH</b> <b>Dale Morgan, Pastor</b> Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m. Discipleship Training 5:00 p.m. Even. Worship ... 6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting, Wed. 7:00 p.m.  <b>EANON BAPTIST CHURCH</b> <b>Mark Ward, Pastor</b> Sunday School ... 10:30 a.m. Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Bible Study ... 6:15 p.m.  <b>ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST</b> <b>Phillip Box, Minister</b> Bible Study ... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship ... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service ... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study ... 6:30 p.m.  <b>ELBA CHURCH OF GOD</b> <b>David Noble, Pastor</b> Morn. Worship ... 10:45 a.m. Even. Worship ... 5:00 p.m.  <b>ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY</b> <b>H.L. Buckner, Pastor</b> Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m. Sunday Night ... 6:00 p.m. Thurs. Night ... 7:00 p.m.  <b>ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE</b> <b>Allen Richards, Pastor</b> Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service ... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Service ... 7:30 p.m.  <b>ELBA 1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD</b> <b>Dwight Johnson, Pastor</b> Sunday School ... 9:30 a.m. Morn. Worship ... 10:30 a.m. Even. Service ... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service ... 6:30 p.m.  <b>ELBA 1st BAPTIST CHURCH</b> <b>Tom Anderson, Interim Pastor</b> Sunday School ... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship ... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service ... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Service ... 8:45 a.m.  <b>ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b> <b>Steve Reneau, Pastor</b> Sunday School ... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship ... 10:00 a.m. Even. Services ... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study ... 6:00 p.m.  <b>ELBA ZION BAPT CHURCH</b> <b>Lovell Martin, Pastor</b> Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service ... 6:00 p.m.	
<b>EVANGELIST TEMPLE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST</b> <b>Timothy Williams, Pastor</b> Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship ... 11:30 a.m. Wed. Bible Study ... 6:00 p.m.  <b>FAIRVIEW BAPT CHURCH</b> Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service ... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service 7:30 p.m.  <b>FAITH CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH</b> <b>Phillip Adeock, Pastor</b> Sunday Morning ... 10:30 a.m. Sunday Evening ... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.  <b>1st ASSEMBLYS OF GOD - KINSTON</b> <b>Danny Bradshaw, Pastor</b> Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Bible Study ... 7:00 p.m.  <b>FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH</b> <b>Scott Donaldson, Pastor</b> Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship ... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.  <b>FRIENDSHIP HOLINESS CHURCH</b> <b>Edward E. Drake, Pastor</b> Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening ... 5:00 p.m.  <b>GODS POWER HOUSE EVANGELISTIC CHURCH</b> <b>Overseers - Bro Billy Berry</b> Sat. Service ... 6:00 p.m. Sun. Service ... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service ... 4:00 p.m.  <b>GREATER NEW ZION BAPTIST CHURCH</b> <b>Willie L. Peterson, Pastor</b> Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.  <b>HARRIS TEMPLE COGIC</b> <b>W. K. Ellison, Pastor</b> Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Service ... 6:00 p.m.  <b>HAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b> <b>Rev. Steve Reneau, Pastor</b> Morn. Worship ... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service ... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.  <b>HAW HILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD</b> <b>Shirley Ellis, Pastor</b> Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service ... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.  <b>HEBRON BAPT. CHURCH</b> <b>Mark Cooper, Pastor</b> Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service ... 6:30 p.m. Wed. Even. Meeting 7:00 p.m.	
<b>INO ASSEMBLY OF GOD</b> <b>Wesley D. Ard, Pastor</b> Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service ... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m.  <b>INO BAPTIST CHURCH</b> <b>Garry Winstead, Pastor</b> Sunday School ... 8:45 a.m. Morn. Worship ... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service ... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.  <b>JACK ASSEMBLY OF GOD</b> <b>Matthew Morris, Pastor</b> Sunday School ... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship ... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service ... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service ... 7:15 p.m.  <b>KINSTON 1st BAPT CHURCH</b> <b>Ben Posey, Pastor</b> Morn. Worship ... 10:00 a.m. Sunday School ... 9:00 a.m. Even. Service ... 5:00 p.m.  <b>LIVING WORD CHURCH</b> <b>Derrick Stinson, Pastor</b> Saturday Service ... 9:45 a.m. Sunday Service ... 10:30 a.m. Even. Service ... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Youth Service ... 6:00 p.m. Thurs. Service ... 6:00 p.m.  <b>LIBERTY CHURCH OF CHRIST</b> <b>Greg Hanchey, Minister</b> Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service ... 5:00 p.m.  <b>LOVE'S WAY CHURCH</b> <b>Charles Jones, Pastor</b> Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening ... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service ... 7:00 p.m.  <b>MT. CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH</b> <b>J. R. Parks, Pastor</b> Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m. 1st & 3rd Sundays  <b>MT. GILEAD BAPTIST CHURCH</b> <b>Dewey Emfinger, Pastor</b> Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening ... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Service ... 5:00 p.m.  <b>MT. OLIVE BAPT. CHURCH</b> <b>Olan Strickland, Pastor</b> Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service ... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.  <b>MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH</b> <b>Kevin Byrd, Pastor</b> Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.  <b>MT. VERNON ASSEMBLY OF GOD</b> Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service ... 5:00 p.m.	
<b>OAK GROVE BAPT. CHURCH</b> <b>Julian Mitchell, Pastor</b> 1st - 4th Sun. Morn. Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.  <b>OLD TABERNACLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b> <b>Lee Jones, Pastor</b> Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.  <b>NEW JERUSALEM CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST - ENTERPRISE</b> <b>W. K. Ellison, Pastor</b> Morning Worship ... 9:00 a.m. Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m. Tuesday Evening ... 7:00 p.m. Friday Evening ... 7:00 p.m.  <b>NEWBIA BAPTIST CHURCH</b> <b>Will Jordan, Pastor</b> Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m. Disciple Train ... 5:00 p.m. Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m. Even. Night Services 7:00 p.m.  <b>NEW BROCKTON METHODIST</b> <b>Dr. Craig Bailey, Pastor</b> Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship ... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study ... 6:30 p.m.  <b>NEW CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH</b> <b>Terry Godwin, Pastor</b> Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m. Bible Study ... 5:00 p.m. Even. Worship ... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet ... 6:00 p.m.  <b>NEW EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH</b> <b>Randall Pearson, Pastor</b> Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service ... 5:30 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet ... 6:00 p.m.  <b>SHADY GROVE A.M.E. CHURCH</b> <b>James Boots, Pastor</b> Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m. Praise Service Mon 5:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study ... 6:00 p.m.  <b>SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service ... 4:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet ... 6:30 p.m.  <b>TAYLOR HILL COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Night Service 5:00 p.m.  <b>THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST</b> <b>Pastor Bishop E.H. Hill</b> Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship ... 12:00 a.m. Even. Service ... 7:00 p.m. Youth Ser. Mon. ... 7:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Class ... 7:00 p.m. Fri. Missionary Ser. ... 7:00 p.m.  <b>THE WAY OF HOLINESS CHURCH, Elba</b> <b>Max Reed, Minister</b> Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship ... 11:30 a.m. Tuesday Bible Class ... 7:00 p.m.	
<b>TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH</b> <b>C.P. Davis, Pastor</b> Sunday School ... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship ... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service ... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Night Service ... 6:00 p.m.  <b>VANDERBILT HOLINESS CHURCH</b> <b>Donald Mills, Pastor</b> Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service ... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Night Service 6:00 p.m.  <b>VICTORIA BAPTIST CHURCH</b> <b>Shayne Allen, Pastor</b> Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service ... 5:45 p.m. Wed. Worship ... 7:00 p.m.  <b>VICTORY TABERNACLE</b> <b>Ruby Lawson, Pastor</b> Morn. Worship ... 10:30 a.m. Even. Service ... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet ... 7:00 p.m.  <b>WESTSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH</b> <b>Ken Wilson, Pastor</b> Sunday School ... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship ... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service ... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet ... 6:30 p.m.  <b>WHITEWATER BAPTIST CHURCH</b> <b>Tommy Green, Pastor</b> Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service ... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet ... 6:30 p.m.  <b>WISE MILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD</b> <b>Kenneth Hagler, Pastor</b> Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service ... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.  <b>WOODLAND GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH</b> <b>Bonnie Marler, Pastor</b> Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service ... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet ... 7:00 p.m.  <b>WOOTEN CHAPEL ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH</b> <b>Mike Medley, Pastor</b> Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service ... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Service ... 7:00 p.m.  <b>ZION CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH</b> <b>Cary Maulden, Pastor</b> Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service ... 6:00 p.m.  <b>ZOAR COMMUNITY CHURCH</b> <b>John Isaacs, Pastor</b> Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service ... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service ... 7:00 p.m.	



## LIFESTYLES

# Happy Anniversary

# 50

# Years together

## Dennis and Sue (Craft) Johnson celebrate 50 years of marriage

Dennis and Sue (Craft) Johnson celebrated 50 years of marriage on Friday, June 26, 2020 during a gathering at their Athens, Alabama residence.

The celebration was hosted by their children, Kimberly Gross of Pearl Mississippi, Dr. Wesley Johnson of Selma, Alabama, and Kelli Taylor of Vancleave, Mississippi.

The couple was married at Whitewater Baptist Church in Elba, Alabama on June 27, 1970.

Dennis' parents were Irvin and Margaret Johnson, and Sue's parents were George and Vergie Craft, all of Elba. The couple has 11 grandchildren.

Both are now retired from their careers - Dennis worked for General Motors and Sue was a school teacher.

Those attending the anniversary celebration were family members, including Sue's brother Jerry Craft, formerly of Elba.

### ZC Alumni Association

The Zion Chapel Alumni Association is selling a historical book containing information shared by alumni, as well as others affiliated with the school, including teachers. This is being done as a fundraiser for the scholarship program and other necessities to benefit the school and the students at Zion Chapel.

The book focuses on the beginning of the school and what follows, including how different school was at that time compared to today. The primary years include the late 40's, the 50's, 60's, and some 70's [and could have pictures of alumni that are or were the grandparents or great grandparents of past and present alumni or others in the community or in other areas]. A last minute addition is a special recognition page for the 2020 class with pictures because of the most unusual year they and other seniors endured because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The book is 393 pages, and it covers a lot of information.

All profits from the sale of this book will go to the Zion Chapel Alumni Association. Make checks payable to the Association in the amount of \$30. The

## Foggy Bottom Cruisin' Car Show set for Saturday, July 11, in Elba

The 2nd Annual Foggy Bottom Cruisin' Car Show received new life recently as the date for the event was rescheduled to Saturday, July 11, in Elba, from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m.

The car show previously had been scheduled to be held in both March and May, however, the coronavirus health pandemic caused it to be canceled both times. Event organizers are optimistic the new July date will now happen!

This event is hosted by the Foggy Bottom Cruisers group, and all proceeds from the car show are donated to benefit the Elba Public Library.

The Foggy Bottom Cruisin' Car Show, which is held on the square in downtown

Elba, will feature cars and trucks of all makes and models. There also will be arts and crafts vendors on site throughout the event.

Admission to the public is free!

For those interested in showing their vehicle in the show, there is a \$20 entry fee, and registration is from 8-10 a.m. the morning of the show. Trophies will be presented to the winners.

For more information about entering a vehicle, contact Kenneth Calhoun at (334) 313-5505; and for more information about arts and crafts contact Larry Goodson at (334) 464-1613.

Follow the Foggy Bottom Cruisers on Facebook - @foggybottomcruisers.

### THE CITY OF ELBA OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED

Friday, July 3, in observance of Independence Day. The garbage truck will run its regular schedule. There will be standby crews for any utility emergencies. To report a utility emergency, call the Elba Police Department at (334) 897-2555. To report a life-threatening emergency, call 911.



Alayna Isaacs and Nathan Weeks

## Miss Isaacs to wed Mr. Weeks

Mr. and Mrs. Jon Isaacs of Elba, Alabama announce the engagement of their daughter, Alayna Isaacs, to Nathan Weeks of Colquitt, Georgia, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Weeks.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mrs.

Brenda Yarbber of Ozark, Alabama, and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Isaacs of Connorsville, Indiana. She is also the great-granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Parr of Ozark, and the late Mr. and Mrs. George Duncil of Connorsville.

She is a 2018 graduate of Penn Foster High School and is employed with her family's business in Elba.

The future groom is the grandson of the late Bert and Viola Cleveland of Colquitt, Wayne Weeks and the late Hilda Weeks of Colquitt.

He is a 2017 graduate of Miller County High School and is employed in Bainbridge, Georgia.

The wedding will take place October 3, 2020, at 5 p.m. central time at Wilkes Cove in Ozark, with a reception to follow.

All friends and family of the couple are invited to attend.

## News from the New Hope Senior Citizens Center:

The New Hope Senior Citizens Center is offering a Pick-Up / Drive-In Service for daily meals, due to the current COVID-19 pandemic.

"We will continue to deliver meals to those who are home participants," said center director Conzuella Banks. "If you are interested in being on our fill in list temporarily and later transition to part time or full time when centers reopen, contact me."

Banks can be reached by calling (334) 735-5433.

"We are all in this together, and we will get through it day by day and step by step," she said.

### www.coffeecountyvotes.com

Coffee County Probate Judge Jodee R. Thompson invites citizens to visit the election website. While there one can:

- \*Obtain a voter registration application
- \*Check registration status
- \*View, download, and print a sample ballot
- \*Find a polling location
- \*View the offices up for elections
- \*View a current list of elected officials
- \*Obtain an application to vote absentee, and much more

## SARCOA implements telephone reassurance program for seniors

SARCOA [South Alabama Regional Council on Aging] has implemented a new program to benefit senior citizens during the continued COVID-19 pandemic - a telephone reassurance program.

For those who know seniors who can use a phone pal, visit the website [https://sarcoa.org/telephone-assur-

ance-program/] and complete the form on that site. Simply follow the instructions and submit the form to SARCOA. There is no age or income requirement, and the program is free.

Locally, Elba Senior Citizens Center director Donna Falls said she can help sign seniors up for this telephone reassurance program. Also, she said any senior in need of a meal and a simple hello can call her at the center at (334) 897-3019.



Pictured left to right: Nelline Hudson Taylor, Annsley's maternal great grandmother; Charlotte Anderson, Annsley's maternal grandmother; Donna Renfro, mother of the groom to be; the honoree; Dana Stinson Haley, mother of the honoree; Anna Padgett, stepmom of the honoree; Sylvia Padgett, paternal grandmother of the honoree, Alvernis Galimore, Annsley's step great grandmother; and Vicky Stinson, Annsley's step grandmother.

## Annsley Padgett honored with 'come and go' bridal shower

Sunday afternoon, June 14, 2020, was an exciting time for Annsley Padgett, bride-elect of Taylor Renfro. In keeping with the COVID-19 mandates, Annsley was honored with a come and go shower in the fellowship hall of Whitewater Baptist Church.

Since Annsley has chosen an array of spring colors for her wedding colors, these colors were used to decorate for this celebratory occasion.

A wooden window frame decorated with white and peach colored flowers and greenery rested on an easel at the entry. A WELCOME banner was draped at the top of the frame. An arrangement of mixed cut flowers cascaded down the corner of the rail leading to the door of the fellowship hall. White tulle anchored with white roses was tied along the rail. The entry door was adorned with a white vine wreath decorated with white flowers and greenery.

The honoree was radiant in her delicate white dress accented with a corsage of

miniature white roses.

Mrs. Zelda Mobley, Annsley's kindergarten teacher and forever friend, presided at the guest registry. An antique oak table, draped with a white battenburg lace tablecloth, held the bride's wedding book and pen. A brass candelabra holding a white pillar candle and a canvas wrap of Annsley and Taylor's official engagement picture completed the registry table décor.

A large angel leaf begonia with peach blooms rested on a stand at one corner of the registry table. Hanging on the wall behind the table was a vine wreath decorated with spring flowers. A matching wreath hung over one of the many gift tables.

After guests greeted the honoree and registered, they were invited to serve themselves from an array of party dainties prepared in the kitchens of several of the hostesses. Brass appointments held cheese straws, sand tarts, miniature cupcakes, chicken salad filled scoops, miniature tea cakes, seasoned crackers, and roasted pecans.

The tablescapes were artistically created by Anna Padgett. The base of each appointment, standing at various elevations, was nestled in peach tulle and gold lame fabric. A selection of the couple's engagement pictures, framed in gold frames, and tall brass candle holders holding white pillar candles accented the table decorations. A massive arrangement of mixed cut flowers, a gift from Annsley's Aunt Callie Jones, rested on the table adjacent to the brass punch bowl. Mrs. Lisa Stinson and Misses Laura Allen and Savannah Johns ladled the punch.

The guests were seated at tables covered with white linen cloths and centered

## UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS:

THE ELBA CHAMBER AND CITY OF ELBA will host its annual 4th of July fireworks presentation on Saturday, July 4, at 9 a.m. in downtown Elba. The fireworks will be displayed from the old Foggy Bottom football field. All are asked to park and watch from their vehicle.

THE ELBA INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD will hold a meeting Tuesday, July 7, at 12 noon at Elba City Hall.

## News from the Elba Public Library:

The Elba Public Library is open by appointment only. Items being returned should still be placed in drop box located out in front of the library building.

Maximum capacity for the building is five patrons, and there is a 30-minute time limit being exercised. Call 334-897-6921 for availability.

Masks are required upon entering building. Please follow all posted guidelines. Temporary library hours are Monday and Tuesday 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.; Wednesday 8 a.m. until 2 p.m.; Thursday and Friday 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.

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The Elba Water Works and Electric Board of the City of Elba is now accepting applications for the position of Water Supervisor

Opening Date: Immediately. Closing Date: July 6, 2020

Job Summary: Responsible for administrative and supervisory work in the construction, operation and maintenance of the municipal water distribution systems, lines, fire hydrants and auxiliary equipment.

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Benefits: The Elba Water Works and Electric Board offers BC BS Health and Dental Insurance, State Retirement, paid vacation, sick time and holidays.

Salary: Based on Experience and Qualifications.

Applications are available at:  
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July 13th, 2020

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### NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage dated May 30, 2007, executed by Clarence Raymond Behan, a married man, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. solely as nominee for MortgageAmerica, Inc., which mortgage was recorded on May 30, 2007, in OFFREC Book 409, Page 330, of the mortgage records in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Coffee County, Alabama, which mortgage was, duly transferred and assigned to Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, as trustee for Stanwich Mortgage Loan Trust F, notice is hereby given that pursuant to law and the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the undersigned will sell at public outcry, to the highest bidder for cash, in front of the Main entrance to the Coffee County Courthouse at Elba, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale on August 4, 2020, the following described real estate, situated in Coffee County, Alabama, to-wit:

Lot 6, Block C, Forest Park Subdivision, an addition to the City of Enterprise, a map or plat of which is recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 72, Office of the Judge of Probate, Coffee County, Alabama.

This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage as well as expenses of foreclosure. This property will be sold on an "as is, where is" basis, subject to any easements, encumbrances, and exceptions reflected in the mortgage and those contained in the records of the office of the Judge of Probate of the County where the above-described property is situated. This property will be sold without warranty or recourse, expressed or implied as to condition, title, use and/or enjoyment and will be sold subject to the right of redemption of all parties entitled thereto. Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process. The successful bidder must tender a non-refundable deposit of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) in certified funds made payable to Stephens Millirons, P.C. at the time and place of sale. The balance of the purchase price must be paid in certified funds by noon on the second business day following the sale at the law firm of Stephens Millirons, P.C. at 120 Seven Cedars Drive, Huntsville, Alabama 35802. Stephens Millirons, P.C. reserves the right to award the bid to the next highest bidders should the highest bidder fail to timely tender the total amount due. Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, as trustee for Stanwich Mortgage Loan Trust F Transferee

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The Elba Clipper  
June 25, 2020, July 2, 2020, July 9, 2020

In the Matter of  
Agnes Lorene Coleman,  
Deceased.

In the Probate Court of  
Coffee County, Alabama  
Elba Division  
Case No: PC 2020-030

### NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of June 2020 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Witness my hand this the 16<sup>th</sup> day of June 2020  
/s/Mary Agnes Coleman  
Personal Representative  
7/2,9,16-pd

### NOTICE OF ELECTION OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, August 25, 2020, an election for the purpose of electing a Mayor and City Council District 1, City Council District 2, City Council District 3, City Council District 4, and City Council District 5 and the other officers as pursuant to duly enacted law or ordinance, or any or all of the officers, are to be elected at the election for the City of Elba, Alabama, will be held, and that all registered and qualified electors of the state, who reside within the corporate limits of Elba, Alabama, and have resided therein for 30 days or more immediately preceding the date of the election, and who are qualified to vote in the county precinct which embraces and covers that part of the corporate limits of the city in which the elector resides, will be authorized to participate in the election.

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ized to participate in the election.

The polls will be opened at Elba Church of Christ Fellowship Hall located at 715 Troy Highway, Elba, Alabama on Tuesday, August 25, 2020, from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm. If necessary, a run-off election will be held on Tuesday, October 6, 2020, from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm. Any qualified elector who will have resided within the municipality, or if the municipality is districted, within the district from which he or she seeks election, for a period of at least 90 days on election day may qualify to run for office by filing the appropriate forms and paying any appropriate fees, as otherwise provided by law. The Municipal Election Manager will begin accepting Statement of Candidacy at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 7, 2020. No Statement of Candidacy for this election will be accepted later than Tuesday, July 21, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

/s/ Mickey Murdock  
Mickey Murdock – Mayor  
Date: June 23, 2020

ATTEST:  
/s/ Sally Bane  
Sally Bane  
City Clerk  
7/2-chg.

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA  
Elba Division

IN RE: The estate of  
TOMMY VANCE TYLER  
Deceased.

CASE NO. PC 2020-031

PUBLICATION NOTICE  
Notice to: Zachary Tyler  
Address Unknown

Please take notice that a Petition for Letters of Administration in the above-styled matter has been filed in said Court by Toby Tyler, Petitioner, and that the 25<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2020, at 9:00 a.m. has been set for hearing on the same at the Coffee County Courthouse in Elba, Alabama. Please be advised that if you intend to contest this, you MUST file a written response within thirty (30) days hereof with council for said Petitioner, whose name and address are as shown below and with the Clerk of the said Probate Court.  
Submitted this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of June, 2020.

/s/ Gary D. Bradshaw  
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"I hope the rest of our parents and students will fill out the survey so we will have a better idea on how to prepare," he said.

In other business, the board voted to adopt the 2020-2021 parent/student information guide.

The next regular meeting for the Coffee County Board of Education will be Thursday, July 9, at 5:30 p.m.

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## SPORTS NEWS

Views From  
The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

*Our grandson Lawson spent a couple of afternoons with us last week and we discovered his new favorite snack is hawaiian sweet rolls straight out of the package. My little man ate an entire package while playing a video game in his recliner, and was still hungry before he headed back home. I guess maybe we need to look in his refrigerator at home and find out what Mom has been feeding him!*

For what it is worth....

\*\*\* *The Alabama Superintendent of Education* announced late last week that high school sports would return this fall, but admitted "they will look different." At a much anticipated press conference Friday Dr. Eric Mackey stated he was confident that high school sports would resume with new protocols in place such as cleaning equipment as often and practical as possible, limiting access to sidelines in football and extending the players box to help allow for social distancing. He also stated that while fans will be allowed in the stands, standards for social distancing would be adopted, as were done in high school graduations. July 27 is the first official day for practice for fall sports, with the first date for playing a game being August 20. AHSAA executive director Steve Savarese said the organization was looking forward to the annual 'Kickoff Classic' set for Aug. 20-22 at Cramton Bowl, in Montgomery, and added that the AHSAA would study and produce a 'Best Practices' plan go be presented to the Central Board of Control on July 22. A lot can still happen between now and late August, but for now it looks like high school sports fans will be happy and be able to attend games in just a matter of weeks.

\*\*\* *I know the high school football season* is still over seven weeks away and I will take a look at the area football schedules in a couple of weeks. However, I sat down one afternoon last week to take a peek at the upcoming schedules and decided to give all football fans a few teasers as the season gets closer. Here in Elba, the Tigers will continue to load up the schedule with rugged non-region foes as they will oppose perennial 3A powers Daleville, Opp and Providence Christian. The Tigers will also have three long road trips against region opponents as they travel to G.W. Long (57 miles), Cottonwood (59 miles) and Abbeville (62 miles). Over in New Brockton, the Gamecocks will tangle with Georgiana, W.S. Neal and Cottonwood in non-region action, with the longest trip being a 58 mile trip to Georgiana. Up at Zion Chapel, the Rebels will oppose a trio of 1A opponents in no-region action in Kinston, Samson and Pleasant Home, with the longest road trip being a 44 mile trip to Geneva County. Down in Kinston, the Bulldogs have only eight games listed on the state site, with 3A Houston Academy and 2A Zion Chapel being their non-region games, with the longest trip being a 53-mile trek to Georgiana. Up in Brantley, the Bulldogs have a trio of tough non-region foes on their schedule in 2A powers Luverne and Highland Home, not to mention 5A Charles Henderson, with a long trip to Geneva County (44 miles). Okay, that should at least stir your interest.

\*\*\* *Former Elba Tiger head football coach Mac Champion* passed away recently at the age of 83 and left behind a legacy in high school sports that will always be remembered. Champion was a two-time all-state quarterback at Hayneville High School and as a backup quarterback at Auburn before beginning his illustrious coaching career at Floyd Junior High, in Montgomery. He became the head football coach at Hayneville High in 1962 and in his first four seasons led his team to an incredible 39-1 record and three state championships. When Hayneville High closed its doors, Champion helped found Lowndes Academy and led the team to immediate success, and later headed to Monroe County, where he was the head coach at Monroe Academy. In a 13-year span at Hayneville, Lowndes Academy and Monroe Academy his teams posted a combined record of 136-7-1. Champion came to Elba in 1976 and inherited a team that struggled to three straight losing seasons. In his only year with the Tigers, his team posted a 6-4 record, with three of the losses coming to Enterprise, Eufaula and Andalusia. While Coach Champion's career is always linked to success in the private school ranks, he was indeed one of the best high school coaches ever to take the field here in Alabama.

\*\*\* *I have watched several sporting events* in recent weeks that had no fans in the stands and found it kind of eerie, but had to chuckle last week when I read that the 'Nathan's Hot Dog Eating Contest' would be moved inside and would have no spectators. The past 68 years the annual event has been held on the boardwalk at Coney Island and drew thousands of interested spectators, but this year it will move inside to avoid the spread of the virus. I wonder if eating indoors in an air conditioned building will help the contestants eat more hot dogs.

\*\*\* *Well, it looks like we may have Major League Baseball after all*, but with a mere sixty-game schedule it would be hard to call it a season. The owners and players have agreed to start the season on July 23-24 and will play a total of sixty games in sixty-five days, with the schedule to only include games against divisional and geographical rivals (NL East vs. AL East). Special rules will include the designated hitter in all games in both leagues, as well as putting a runner on second base to start the inning when a game goes into extra innings. I guess the billionaire owners and millionaire players both decided there will be enough TV money to go around and help everyone pad their pockets.

The AHSAA is currently reviewing the Alabama State Department of Education (ALSDE) *Roadmap to Reopening Schools*, which was released Friday, June 26, by State Superintendent Dr. Eric Mackey.

The ALSDE, in conjunction with the Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH), developed its plan as a guidance document for the upcoming school year

which is designed to help meet the health and safety challenges Alabama's schools are currently facing concerning COVID-19.

"We appreciate Dr. Mackey and his staff for their tireless efforts. I am looking forward to working with school administrators and with the AHSAA Football and Fall Sports committees which meet on July 7 in addition to the Alabama Foot-

ball Coaches Association on July 8 to discuss the ALSDE Roadmap and the ADPH guidelines," said AHSAA Executive Director Steve Savarese.

"The AHSAA will continue to study and produce 'Best Practices' (in conjunction with the AHSAA Central Board, Medical Advisory Board, ALSDE and ADPH) and will present the recommendations to the Central Board at its July 22

meeting. The AHSAA is looking forward to hosting the Kickoff Classic at Cramton Bowl, which kicks off the 2020 football season Aug. 20-21."

Details and a synopsis of the *ALSDE Roadmap to Reopening Schools* and a special parents' guide can be found at the Alabama State Department of Education website: <https://www.alsde.edu/>

## Season ends early

Red snapper season to end  
July 3 in Alabama waters

After completing a review of the first 20 days of the proposed 2020 private angler red snapper season, the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (ADCNR) anticipates the quota for the private angler red snapper season will be met on Friday, July 3, 2020. Therefore, Alabama waters will close to private angler and state-licensed charter red snapper fishing effective at 11:59 p.m. on Friday, July 3, 2020.

As of June 22, 2020, landing estimates show that anglers from private and state-licensed charter vessels have landed approximately 842,000 pounds of the 1.1 million-pound Alabama red snapper quota.

"Other than the weekend of Tropical Storm Cristobal, we have had great weather in coastal Alabama which provided almost ideal fishing conditions," said Scott Bannon, Director of ADCNR's Marine Resources Division. "We develop the season dates based on historical weather information and fishing effort, both of which can be unpredictable once the season begins. The number of vessel trips during the past two seasons averaged 527 trips per day. So far during the 2020 season, the average has been 822 vessel trips per day. When there are more people fishing we reach the quota sooner."

Detailed red snapper landing information from the 2018 - 2020 seasons is available at <https://www.outdooralabama.com/2020-red-snapper-landings-summary>.

"I have fished most weekends of the season and it has been good to see so many people out enjoying this fishery," said Chris Blankenship, ADCNR Commissioner. "I am disappointed that we will not be able to harvest red snapper during the full Fourth of July weekend or during the Alabama Deep Sea Fishing Rodeo. Like many, my family had plans to do both. However, the red snapper management plan sets the red snapper quota allocated to Alabama, as well as the other Gulf states. We are required under the manage-

ment plan to adjust to changes in the recreational fishery to ensure we do not exceed our quota. We will continue to work to make improvements in the federal stock assessment process for red snapper that we hope will increase the quota for future years."

Anglers are reminded that the federal charter season for red snapper is open seven days a week until 12:01 a.m. on August 2, 2020. The federally permitted charter vessels are not under state management, any season adjustments for charter vessels will be made by the National Marine Fisheries Service. The federal waters off Alabama, outside 9 miles, will be open to anglers landing red snapper in other states that have open red snapper seasons. The possession of red snapper, in Alabama waters, is prohibited during the closed recreational season.

The Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources promotes wise stewardship, management and enjoyment of Alabama's natural resources through four divisions: Marine Resources, State Lands, State Parks, and Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries. To learn more about ADCNR, visit [www.outdooralabama.com](http://www.outdooralabama.com).

## Troy Trojan 'kickoff party' set for Aug. 15 at the Vet

Troy's annual Football Kickoff Party is set for Saturday, Aug. 15, at 7 p.m. and the premier event will have a new location this year. The Vet will serve as the host for the evening that will feature a \$10,000 grand prize, food, music, a silent auction, a live auction and more.

Fans will be able to experience The Vet in a unique way as the evening's festivities will take place on field level. Fans are encouraged to wear game day attire to the Kickoff Party due to the event being outside. Fans will be treated to a special game day menu for dinner plus complementary beverages will be available throughout the evening.

"This is going to be an amazing evening and a special opportunity for our fans to experience a night under the lights at The Vet," Director of Athletics Brent

Coffee County Lake  
FISHING SPOTLIGHT

Garrett Dunn (above) caught this 9 1/4 pound bass fishing at the Coffee County Lake on Saturday, June 27, while his cousin Benjamin Hutchinson (below) caught this 7 1/2 pound bass on the same morning.



Jones said, "The Football Kickoff Party has served as the unofficial start to the athletic season for many years, and we wanted to make sure that Trojan Nation still has the opportunity to celebrate

the upcoming season while doing so in a safe environment.

Tickets for the Football Kickoff Party are just \$125 and each ticket admits two people into The Vet for the special evening. Tickets can be purchased by visiting [TroyTrojans.com/kickoff-party](http://TroyTrojans.com/kickoff-party), by calling 334-670-3682 or via email [jmorgan@troy.edu](mailto:jmorgan@troy.edu).





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# Proceeding With Caution

UPDATED STATEWIDE COVID-19 HEALTH ORDER FOR ALABAMA

## AMENDED SAFER AT HOME

The Safer at Home order that ends Friday at 5 p.m. has been extended until July 31st with no major changes.



### WHAT'S STAYING THE SAME:

#### ENTERTAINMENT VENUES (SUCH AS ARCADES, THEATERS, BOWLING ALLEYS)

May open subject to social-distancing and sanitation rules and guidelines

#### ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES

Allowed subject to social-distancing and sanitation rules and guidelines

#### EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

May open subject to social-distancing and sanitation rules and guidelines

#### CHILD DAY CARE FACILITIES

May open subject to social-distancing and sanitation rules and guidelines

#### SUMMER CAMP

May open subject to social-distancing and sanitation rules and guidelines

#### INDIVIDUALS

Encouraged to stay home and follow good sanitation practices

#### EMPLOYERS

Businesses may open subject to sanitation and social-distancing guidelines

#### RETAIL STORES

All retail stores may open subject to 50% occupancy rate, social-distancing and sanitation rules

#### MEDICAL PROCEDURES

Allowed unless prohibited in the future by the State Health Officer to preserve resources necessary to diagnose and treat COVID-19; providers must follow COVID-19-related rules and guidance from state regulatory boards or public health authorities

#### SENIOR CITIZEN CENTERS

Regular programming still suspended except meals still available through curbside pick-up or delivery

#### HOSPITALS AND NURSING HOMES

Still must implement policies to restrict visitation

#### NON-WORK GATHERINGS

Still required to maintain 6 feet of distance between persons not from same household

#### RESTAURANTS, BARS AND BREWERIES

May open with limited table seating, 6 feet between tables and subject to additional sanitation rules and guidelines

#### ATHLETIC FACILITIES (SUCH AS FITNESS CENTERS AND COMMERCIAL GYMS)

Athletic facilities may open subject to social-distancing and sanitation rules and guidelines

#### CLOSE-CONTACT SERVICE PROVIDERS

Close-contact service providers (such as barber shops, hair salons, nail salons, tattoo services) may open subject to social-distancing and sanitation rules and guidelines

#### BEACHES

Open with no limit on gatherings. Must maintain 6 feet of separation.

continue to move toward reopening.

"I immediately met with our administrators last Thursday after returning from the conference," Moseley said. "We did a complete needs assessment of things that would help us reopen Elba City Schools."

He said he and administrators looked at the functionality at each school building realizing that the high school building versus the elementary school building would look different when school opens. He said there were some things he could pass down to his administrators saying "we are doing this" but ultimately each school would have some different guidelines in place that better suit a high school or elementary school's functionality.

"One thing we are looking at doing is starting the year checking everyone's temperature upon entering the buildings," Moseley said. "I believe this is a feasible safety measure we can take with our school size. Hopefully that will help us at Elba City Schools to be better preventative."

Moseley said the discussion of face masks is still on the table and considering how far the school system takes that recommendation. Taking into consideration the state's Safer-at-Home public health order, which was extended this week until 5 p.m. July 31st by Governor Kay Ivey, the superintendent said the status of the public health order will largely affect the overall face mask decision at the start of school.

"Personally, I would advise having one on inside the buildings whenever feasible," Moseley said. "I am not saying teachers/students should wear them all day long every day, but when feasible they should be worn."

Moseley said he would be getting more information out to parents as decisions are made, but he said it would be advised that parents provide their child with his/her own face mask for school. He said the school system would have some available for those unable to provide their own, but he said it just would add to the safety-side of the matter if parents are able to provide their child with his/her own personal face mask.

"We all are very aware the classroom is a place where we cannot always provide the necessary 6-ft. social distancing space," Moseley said. "That is when I would say it would be good to have a face mask on in those times."

He said at least for the start of the school year that breakfast and lunch would look different at the schools; however, he said plans on exactly how those feeding times would be handled are still being developed as school staff continues to work on how social distancing can be properly addressed.

Another area Moseley said is being considered heavily is that of bus riders.

"We are definitely probably going to require masks be worn while on the bus," Moseley said. "I am also going to send out information to parents of bus riders asking them, if at all possible, if they have the

means, to drive their child to school at the beginning of the school year to cut down on the number of bus riders we have each day."

Moseley said he cannot require parents to drive the students to school, but he would recommend it to parents because it would be helpful to the school and to them regarding safety measures. He said buses would be sprayed and sanitized each day.

"Dr. Mackey made us all aware that there would be both traditional and virtual learning options available for the school year," Moseley said. "Me, personally, Chris Moseley wants all our students to come back to campus at the start of the school year, but for those who choose to have their child learn remotely via the online virtual options, we will have access to use the state provided online options."

He stressed, however, that online learning would not be at all like it was when the school shut down in the Spring and students were provided packets of work just to finish out the fourth nine weeks. He said this will be actual attending classes and completing work daily, and he said online learning is not easy, especially at the elementary level.

Any student that chooses to stay home and learn remotely this upcoming school year would still be enrolled as an Elba City Schools student, the superintendent said.

Moseley said parents could expect a survey to come their way sometime after the 4th of July holiday. He said this survey would help the school system get a better idea of how each parent/student wants to attend when school starts – traditional or virtual.

"I really hope at our school with our size that parents will send their kids back to school," Moseley said. "I assure them we are doing everything safety-wise we can to make it safe here where they can come back to school."

Delving further into things, the superintendent said he also knows everyone wants to know if football will be back this fall.

"We all fully expect, at this time, for the season to open on time," Moseley said.

He said this applies to football and volleyball.

"There are some changes they [Alabama High School Athletic Association] have been looking at such as personal water bottles for each player so no one is sharing and extending sidelines to allow the players to social distance more effectively," Moseley said. "Right now, though, we fully expect there to be a season."

As for fan attendance, Moseley said he also believes, as things stand currently and that is always subject to change, that fans will be able to attend the games.

"We probably going to recommend fans wear a face mask," Moseley said. "We want everybody to be able to come to the games; however, if we were to experience a spike [in our county or city] too fast and be told by the health department to make changes, we might have to look at that time at limiting the attendance capacity."

He said he does not want to have to limit attendance, but if it became necessary, the school system would do what was asked of it by public health officials to provide a safer environment for all.

"We can 'what if' all day long. We can have a plan in place, and it's going to change," Moseley said. "We are going to have special called board meeting on July 7, and I am going to have an action plan for the board members at that time for us to go over and discuss."

He said the plan would be a working document, and as issues arise it could be adjusted.

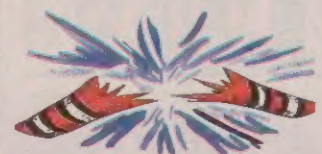
**SAFER-AT-HOME ORDER EXTENDED IN ALABAMA...** On Tuesday, June 30, Alabama Governor Kay Ivey addressed the state to announce she would be extending the Safer-at-Home public health order through 5 p.m. July 31, 2020.

Prior to Tuesday's announcement the order had been set to expire on July 3rd.

The governor said he felt the COVID-19 virus remained to prevalent in the state to let the safer-at-home health order expire at this time. She further encouraged citizens to do their part in preventing spread of the virus by practicing proper social distancing, following the public health order guidelines, and wearing face masks in public whenever possible.

Governor Ivey again stated that she reserves the right to reverse these orders and implement stricter guidelines across the state if the COVID-19 numbers continue to rise.

The document above spells out the 'do's and don'ts' of the current order, which now expires at 5 p.m. July 31, 2020.



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